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Directors Message



Governor Jindal signed a proclamation designating **September as National Preparedness Month** and I encourage

everyone to **Get a Game Plan**. By doing this, you can help protect yourself, your family and your home in the event of severe weather or other emergencies.

Emergency managers at the state, local and federal levels are dedicated to help protect you during an emergency. National Preparedness Month is a time for you to examine your personal plans and restock emergency supplies. Hurricanes are one of the biggest concerns to the state, but each region faces other possible threats that could force you to take immediate action.

The time to prepare is NOW!! Visit www.getagameplan.org for helpful tips and information.

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It is hard to imagine a situation without phones, Internet, clean water, and electricity, but an emergency can quickly take away all of these things. As unpleasant as it is to think about emergency scenarios, it is much worse to be faced with an emergency and not have access to the tools you rely on in your everyday life to help you survive and cope.

Emergencies are often unpredictable and can greatly impact our day-to-day routines, communication, health, and safety. The more time you spend learning about how to take simple steps to prepare and understand the threats that you may face, the better prepared you will be when an emergency does occur.

September is National Preparedness Month. This year we are asking you to take action now – **make a plan** with your **community**, your **family**, and for your **pets**. Plan how to stay safe and communicate during the disasters that can affect your community.

Families and individuals should have an **emergency plan** that outlines what they will do if they have to shelter in place because of an emergency and what they will do if they have to evacuate. Emergency kits should include any items to help you get through both of those situations. Gathering supplies in one place will help families locate them in the event of a power outage. If a family must leave its home, the kit can go with them.

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.getagameplan.org: Louisiana residents can take simple steps to protect themselves, their families, their pets and their homes. GOHSEP provides detailed tips and information on how to respond in the event of a tornado, flooding, thunderstorm, hurricane or other severe weather.

www.weather.gov: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides detailed, zip code level weather information for the public on its Website. Users can get information about severe weather warnings and alerts and also view forecasts from National Weather Service staff.

www.ready.gov: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) outlines what to do in many disaster scenarios on its preparedness site.

ALERT FM: Free App that allows GOHSEP to create and send digital alerts and messages based on geographic or organizational groups. Messages are delivered to the data subcarrier of existing FM transmitters around the US. Overlapping signals of FM stations ensure rapid message transmission even when other communication systems are disrupted.



Hurricane Rita - 10 Year Anniversary Events:

September 24th

Cameron Parish

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Cameron Parish Police Jury

West Annex Building

Ceremony • Essay contest • Community Cook-Out • Mass

September 26th

Calcasieu Parish

7:30 am - 3:00pm

Lake Charles Civic Center Grounds

10k/5K/One Mile Run • Emergency Responder Appreciation Day • Emergency Vehicle Parade • Educational Exhibits • Family Programs • Music • Food

Welcome to our team!

Mary Alvarez

Diane Ayers

Lonnie Campbell

Teresa Doran

Ryan Evan Dyer

Brittani Espinoza

Ebony Farris

Lynn Foxworth

William Haygood

Tyrone Jones

Rhonda Laurent

Jacqueline Masson

Sonya Murray

Matthew Pangrazio

Amy Stein Poche

Shane Rauh

LaKoshia Roberts

Michael Rozas

Joseph Roland Spano

William Stampley

20 New GOHSEP Employees Transferred from DOA

As of August 31, 2015, the elevation, reconstruction, and individual mitigation measures projects that were managed by the staff from the Division of Administration, Office of Community Development transitioned to GOHSEP. These projects served to mitigate over 9,000 homes in our State. The staff that transferred to GOHSEP will be working on the closeout of these projects to include resolution of a small number of remaining payments and the preparation and review of closeout packages for each property. We look forward to their contribution to the successful closeout of these projects and overall contribution to GOHSEP!

We are glad to have you with us!



Pictures above are
from the Joint FEMA/
GOHSEP Katrina/Rita
Employee Ceremony.

KATRINA RITA
10 YEARS

Building a Smarter + Safer + Stronger + More Resilient Louisiana.



REMINDER!

- Beginning **Monday, August 31st** the LA State Police Training Academy gym is closed in the mornings until 8:00 am except for LSP commissioned personnel until December 19, 2015.
- On Sunday, August 30th Cadet Class 94 started. With ever present pedestrian traffic, including employees, LSP & CARTA cadet classes and offenders on work assignments, all are reminded to adhere to the **20 mph posted speed limit** and pay special attention to pedestrian crossings on the Compound.



It's that time of year again. Football season is back and the excitement for our favorite teams is growing!

Each Friday during the months of September, October, and November has been designated as days that you can wear your favorite football team's shirt, jersey, etc. This includes local schools, colleges or national teams.

Please remember, if you have agency business related meetings you must adhere to the business casual dress code policy as appropriate. Supervisors are reminded to ensure your employees are properly dressed at all times.

There will be no cost to our employees who choose to wear the Friday football shirts.

Have an enjoyable football season!

Visit GOHSEP's **Getting It Right** webpage for information on upcoming classes/schedules!!

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Sept. 2nd - Cheri Scott & Marcus Washington

Sept. 4th - Anitra Adams

Sept. 6th - Victoria Ehrensing

Sept. 10th - Caca Payne

Sept. 12th - Christie Marks

Sept. 13th - Brenda Aguillard & John Gonzales

Sept. 14th - Claudia Landry & Marion Pearson

Sept. 15th - Heather Ewing

Sept. 17th - Alisha Coates & Kentrell Hills

Sept. 19th - Bernard Riley

Sept. 20th - Steve Burr & Darryl Delatte

Request For Articles

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